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and many others with whom I have discussed

it, agree entirely—

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Dan confised - Report after report has stated that the CIA has afree hand - then I heard that you, Mr. President, stated that their objectionable policies are decided on in Conference with the Joint Chefo of Staff and the State Transmit. Either is distressing.

But I would appreciate knowing which is correct.

Respectfully yours.

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## The Boston Globe

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Tuesday, September 10, 1963

## Time to Talk Turkey

Administration spokesmen at Washington stated Monday that this country's policy of rendering aid to South Viet Nam "is continuing for the time being." If this means that our policy in that striferidden Southeast Asian country is being subjected to drastic reexamination, well and good.

For it has become next to impossible in the light of recent developments—including Monday's wholesale student arrests at Saigon by the Special Forces of Col Le Quang Tung—to make head or tail of our government's posture there.

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Oraly twenty-four hours prior to Monday's explosion of protest by students against the repressive anti-Euddhist campaign being conducted by President Ngo Dinh Diem's regime, reports from reliable American correspondents in Southeast Asia and Washington lepicted once more the cross-purposes in which United States polcy continues to flounder.

Our government is financing to he tune of approximately \$225,000 month, through the Central Inteligence Agency, the South Vietnamese Special Forces, comnanded by Col Le Quang Tung. Yet these same forces were involved in the raids and sacking of Buddhist pagodas last month at Baigon and Hue. They were also participants in the arrests of hunlreds of protesting Buddhist stulents in Saigon last week and Monday.

In other words, the family dicatorship of President Ngo Dinh Noiem is utilizing these Special solutions to frustrate the objective for which they were originally creations. Approved of Originally 21

eing subsidized by American

funds—war against the Communist Viet Cong which is striving to take over the country.

Private denials by Washington officials in this matter are vehement. Public statements to the same effect are lacking because, it is explained, the whole Special Forces operation in South Viet Nam is the affair of the CIA, about whose activities few apparently are informed.

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Is it not time in dealing with the admittedly complex and difficult situation in South Viet Nam that our government's right hand were informed as to what its left hand is doing? Especially since there are strong indications from Southeast Asia that liaison between our able new ambassador in Saigon, Henry Cabot Lodge, and the CIA leaves something to be desired?

Our goal in South Viet Nam is to save that country from growing Communist armed forces which are actively pressing a war. That objective is being jeopardized by the contemptuous anti-American effrontery of the Ngo Dinh Diem family regime; by its reckless persecution of Buddhists, who constitute the overwhelming majority of the Vietnamese people, and by its bold, confident assertions that the United States must continue willynilly to pour out millions of aid and continue to hazard the lives of 14,000 American military who are seeking to advise and guide the anti-Communist struggle.

The first steps to retrieve this country's policy in South Viet Nam should be to halt all financial support of the misused Special Forces and subordinate the CIA

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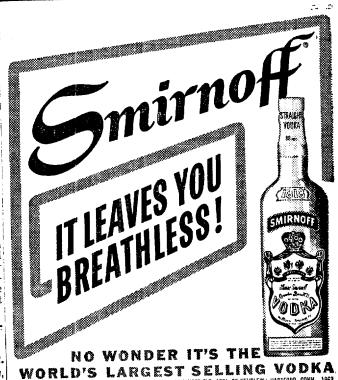
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